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September 16, 2005

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RE: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45,
(Minnesota PUC Docket No. P999/M-05-1185)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

Pursuant to FCC 01-157 and 47CFR §§ 54.313 and 54.314, the FCC requires states that wish to receive Federal High-Cost support for ETCs to file certification that funds will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission hereby files this certification to allow all ETCs listed in the Attachment to receive Federal High-Cost support for 2006 consistent with §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The MPUC has obtained affidavits provided by a corporate officer of each ETC including a sworn statement that support that will be received will only be used for the intended purposes. The MPUC also required and received additional documentation pertaining to Year 2004 Federal High-Cost support received and company operational and capital expenditures. Beyond those procedures, the MPUC has not undertaken further processes this year to assure that 2006 federal support received will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Our certification is based on those affidavits and additional documentation.

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Starting next year, the MPUC had decided to mostly adopt the FCC guidelines listed in FCC 05-46 dated March 17, 2005 calling for a more vigorous annual process of certification. We concur with the FCC that the process requires additional assurance that funds will be used for the purposes for which they are intended.

If you have questions, please call Commission staff Lillian Brion at 651-201-2213, or email at lillian.brion@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Oberlander for

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Executive Secretary

List of Minnesota ETCs
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Company Name

- 1 Ace Telephone Association
- 2 Albany Mutual Telephone Association
- 3 Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. f/k/a Split Rock
- 4 Arrowhead Communications Corporation
- 5 Arvig Telephone Company
- 6 Barnesville Municipal Telephone Company
- 7 Benton Cooperative Telephone Company
- 8 Blackduck Telephone Company
- 9 Blue Earth Valley Telephone Company
- 10 Bridge Water Telephone Company
- 11 Callaway Telephone Company
- 12 Cannon Valley Telecom, Inc.
- 13 CenturyTel of Chester, Inc.
- 14 CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc.
- 15 CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin, Inc.
- 16 Christensen Communications Company d/b/a Madelia Telephone Co.
- 17 Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota
- 18 Clara City Telephone Company
- 19 Clements Telephone Company
- 20 Consolidated Telephone Company
- 21 Crosslake Telephone Company
- 22 Delavan Telephone Company
- 23 Dunnell Telephone Company, Inc.
- 24 Eagle Valley Telephone Company
- 25 East Otter Tail Telephone Company
- 26 Easton Telephone Company
- 27 Eckles Telephone Company
- 28 Emily Cooperative Telephone Company
- 29 Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
- 30 Federated Telephone Cooperative
- 31 Federated Utilities, Inc. fka Hancock
- 32 Felton Telephone Company, Inc.
- 33 Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.
- 34 Garden Valley Telephone Company

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- 35 Gardonville Cooperative Telephone Association
- 36 Granada Telephone Company
- 37 Halstad Telephone Company
- 38 Harmony Telephone Company
- 39 Heartland Telecommunications Company d/b/a HickoryTech
- 40 Hills Telephone Company, Inc.
- 41 Home Telephone Company
- 42 Hutchinson Telephone Company
- 43 Integra Telecommunications of Minnesota, Inc. f/k/a Scott-Rice Telephone (
- 44 Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative
- 45 Johnson Telephone Company
- 46 Kasson & Mantorville Telephone Company
- 47 KMP Telephone Company d/b/a Mid-State
- 48 Lakedale Telephone Company
- 49 Lismore Cooperative Telephone Company
- 50 Lonsdale Telephone Company
- 51 Loretel Systems, Inc.
- 52 Lowry Telephone Company, Inc.
- 53 Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company
- 54 Manchester-Hartland Telephone Company
- 55 Mankato Citizens Telephone Company d/b/a HickoryTech
- 56 Melrose Telephone Company
- 57 Mid-Communications, Inc. d/b/a HickoryTech
- 58 Mid-State Telephone Company
- 59 Midwest Telephone Company
- 60 Midwest Wireless Communications, LLC
- 61 Minnesota Lake Telephone Company d/b/a BEVCOMM
- 62 Minnesota Valley Telephone Company
- 63 New Ulm Telecom, Inc.
- 64 Northern Telephone Company
- 65 Osakis Telephone Company
- 66 Park Region Mutual Telephone Company
- 67 Paul Bunyan Rural Telephone Cooperative
- 68 The Peoples Telephone Company of Bigfork
- 69 Pine Island Telephone Company
- 70 Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp.

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- 71 Polar Telecommunications, Inc.
- 72 RCC Minnesota, Inc. and Wireless Alliance LLC
- 73 Red River Rural Telephone Association
- 74 Red River Telecom, Inc.
- 75 Redwood County Telephone Company
- 76 Rothsay Telephone Company
- 77 Runestone Telephone Association
- 78 Sacred Heart Telephone Company
- 79 Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company
- 80 Sleepy Eye Telephone Company
- 81 Spring Grove Cooperative Telephone Company
- 82 Sprint Minnesota, Inc.
- 83 Starbuck Telephone Company
- 84 Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company
- 85 Upsala Cooperative Telephone Association
- 86 Valley Telephone Company
- 87 WWC Holding Co. aka Western Wireless
- 88 West Central Telephone Association
- 89 Western Telephone Company
- 90 Wikstrom Telephone Company, Inc.
- 91 Wilderness Valley Telephone Company
- 92 Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association
- 93 Winsted Telephone Company
- 94 Winthrop Telephone Company
- 95 Wolverton Telephone Company
- 96 Woodstock Telephone Company
- 97 Zumbrota Telephone Company